

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 1-33 are subject to restriction and election requirement. Herein, Claims 3-5, 13-15, and 23-25 have been withdrawn. Accordingly, after this Amendment and Response To Restriction and Election, Claims 1-2, 6-12, 16-22, and 26-33 remain pending in this patent application. Further examination and reconsideration in view of the claims, remarks, and arguments set forth below is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed 08/12/2005, it was stated that the present patent application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: various embodiments as defined in figures 1, 2A-2B, 3A-3B, 4, 5A-5B, 6A-6B, 7, 8A-8B, 9A-9B, 10, and 11A-11B. As such, it has been required that an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits be made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 121.

SPECIES ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

The species defined in Figures 11A-11B is hereby elected without traverse. Claims 1-2, 6-12, 16-22, and 26-33 are readable on Figures 11A-11B. Moreover, Claims 3-5, 13-15, and 23-25 are hereby withdrawn. Further examination and reconsideration of the elected species is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims (1-2, 6-12, 16-22, and 26-33) are in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present patent application.

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